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SUBJECT: UNGA: ITALIAN-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ITALIANS AND SOVIETS HAVE CONSULTED IN ROME ON FULL RANGE OF ISSUES SCHEDULED TO COME BEFORE UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS GIVEN US ACCOUNT OF SEPTEMBER 4-5 CONSULTATIONS IN ROME WITH SOVIETS ON UNGA ISSUES. SOVIET REP WAS AMBASSADOR ANATOLI KULAJENKOV OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UN OFFICE. VICE DG OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS MILESI FERRETTI WAS ITALIAN PRINCIPAL. CONSULTATIONS REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SOVIET-ITALIAN PROTOCOL AGREED UPON DURING FORMER PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S TRIP TO MOSCOW LAST FALL PROVIDING FOR SUCH PERIODIC EXCHANGES.

3. FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED:

A) STRENGTHENING UN ROLE: ITALIANS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN ROMANIAN PROPOSAL, AND DESIRE FOR DEBATE ON MODERNIZING UN STRUCTURE

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WITH VIEW TO GIVING MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO SMALL AND MEDIUM POWERS.

SOVIETS ASSERTED THAT PROGRESS OF DETENTE HAD SUPERSEDED ROMANIAN PROPOSAL WHICH THEY DID NOT REPEAT NOT FAVOR. SOVIETS EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY "RADICAL" CHANGES IN UN STRUCTURE.

B) SIS AND NON-USE OF FORCE: SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD PRESENT RE-SOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE BIL-LATERAL AND MULTI-LATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS. ITALIANS RESPONDED THAT THEY FAVORED PRESENT UN MECHANISMS RATHER THAN NEW INSTRUMENTS.

C) KOREAN QUESTION: SOVIETS HELD THAT UNCURK SHOULD BE DISSOLVED AND THAT GA IS COMPETENT TO DECIDE ON DISSOLUTION OF UNC. SOVIETS STATED THAT BOTH KOREAS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE, AND FAVORED THE ADMISSION OF UNIFIED KOREA WITH ONE SEAT. ITALIANS AGREED ON DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT "PEACE KEEPING MECHANISM" SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, AND THAT UNC ISSUE WAS WITHIN COMPETENCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL. RE ADMISSION, ITALIANS SAID WISHES OF TWO KOREAS THEMSELVES SHOULD BE GOVERNING FACTOR (ITALIAN VIEWS ON KOREAN QUESTION BEING REPORTED IN FULLER DETAIL IN SEPTEL.)

D) MPN-EAST: SOVIETS EMPHASIZED THAT POSSIBLE PARTIAL SETTLEMENT MUST BE LINKED TO GLOBAL SOLUTION UNDER RESOLUTION 242. SOVIETS EXPRESSED DISFAVOR OF ANY MOVE THAT WOULD POSTPONE GLOBAL SOLUTION AND PRESSED FOR FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF POPULATIONS OF AREA, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURE FRONTIERS. ITALIANS REITERATED SUPPORT FOR 242, FOR WALDHEIM INITIATIVE, AND FOR ANY SOLUTION AGREED UPON SATELLITE TV: ITALIANS OPPOSED ANY INTER

NATIONAL REGULATION WHICH WOULD RESTRICT FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND STATED THAT TECHNICAL ASPECTS SHOULD BE FULLY STUDIED BEFORE ANY REGULATIONS MADE. SOVIETS PROCEEDED URGENCY OF ADOPTING "JURIDICAL INSTRUMENT", POSSIBLY A CONVENTION, AND ASSERTED THAT TECHNOLOGY ALREADY FAR ADVANCED AND DIRECT BROADCASTING WAS IMMINENT. SOVIETS INSISTED THAT SOVEREIGNTY OF COUNTRIES MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST INTERFERENCE FROM SATELLITE TV.

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F) TERRORISM AND PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS: ITALIANS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM BECAUSE OF ITS

INSISTENCE ON STUDY OF CAUSES RATHER THAN DEVELOPING PREVENTIVE MEASURES. SOVIETS DECLARED THEY WERE AGAINST TERRORISM AND WOULD SUPPORT CONVENTION IF CONVENTION EXCLUDED ACTS BY PEOPLES IN STATE OF WAR OR ENGAGED IN FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. ACCORDING SOVIETS, DEFINITION OF TERRORISM MUST EXCLUDE ACTS COMMITTED IN STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL LIBERATION AND SOVIETS WOULD SUPPORT CONVENTION ONLY IF IT FAVORED BY "GREAT MAJORITY" OF MEMBER STATES. RE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS, SOVIETS SAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT ILC DRAFT AND HOPED FOR APPROVAL DURING THIS GA. SOVIETS EXPRESSED RESERVATION ON ILC DRAFT PROVISION ON COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AMONG STATES.

G) ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE: SOVIETS ADVOCATED ENTIRE BUDGET CONTRIBUTION TO PENSION FUND BE CUT SINCE ACCUMULATING INTEREST FROM PENSION FUND NOW ABLE TO CARRY IT. THEY ALSO SOUGHT ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO STUDY RESTRUCTURING OF UN STAFF AND WAGE REDUCTIONS.

H) HUMAN RIGHTS: ITALIANS STATED THAT OCCASION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO SPEAK ABOUT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND EXPRESSION IN ADDITION TO USUAL TOPICS OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. ITALIANS SUPPORTED APPOINTMENT OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

SOVIETS HELD THAT ALTHOUGH UN SHOULD PROTECT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS, IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INTERFERE WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES. SOVIETS OPPOSED CREATION OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID THEY WOULD SEEK TO STRIKE THIS ITEM FROM AGENDA. VOLPE

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